

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for generating a synthetic image wherein a specific object region is extracted, a three-dimensional shape information is extracted, and a video image and a CG image are drawn compoundly. ~~By appending~~ three dimensional shape information <sup>to the</sup> specific object region ~~and data~~ <sup>a</sup> called video image ~~objects~~ <sup>object, and the video object is</sup> to be synthesized with CG images is created and stored on a hard disk. By using this data, a synthetic image is generated in non-real time fashion.